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Applicants : Takuro ENOMOTO, et al.
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METHOD, INFORMATION READING APPARATUS
AND METHOD, MAGNETIC TAPE FORMAT, AND
RECORDING MEDIUM
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116 SUBMITTED WITH
A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on April 6, 2006, Applicants filed a Notice
of Appeal on July 6, 2006, thereby extending the period of response to September 6, 2006.

Applicants are submitting along with this Amendment a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), along with a check in the amount of \$790.00 as payment of the corresponding fee.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 26 of this paper.